WAX-CHANDLERS' HALL. — COMPETITION.—It may not, perhaps, be too late even now, for you to interfere, through the medium of your valuable Journal, to prevent injustice: I allude to the unawarded premiums for the designs for the Wax-Chandlers' Company's new Hall. I understand that some of the members have declined being mixed up with adjudication of the premiums, from the fact of private interest totally eclipsing merit, or in other words, the premiums are likely to be given to "*persons*" not "*things*." You could urge in the committee the absolute necessity of obtaining the services of a non-competing, disinterested professional man of reputation, as the surest means of administering justice to the several competitors.—VERAX.

THE GREAT EXHIBITION BUILDING.—*In order that the public may be able to judge* of the general effect of the interior now that it is cleared of all the exhibition fittings, and form an opinion as to the desirableness of preserving the building, Messrs. Fox and Henderson, the contractors, have opened it free of charge, and many thousands have visited the interior. Besides this, a committee of gentlemen is being formed, having for its object to test public opinion upon the question of retaining or removing the building; and should the former alternative be ultimately decided upon, then the purposes to which it should be applied, and the means of rendering it self-supporting. Mr. B. Oliveira, of Upper Hyde Park-street, would receive communications on the subject.

PURIFICATION OF SEWAGE WATER.—A black and foul stream at Hulme is being cleared of its odoriferous filth in pools and filters by Messrs. Corbett and Co. sanitary engineers, who use charred pine sawdust in their filters, and convert the solid matter thus obtained in defecating and deodorizing the water into a sort of guano, which is getting into use amongst agriculturists as a permanent manure. The cleared water is not made use of for any manufacturing or domestic purpose that we are aware of; and indeed, as regards potableness, although it is spoken of as equal in clearness and sweetness of odour to drinkable water, of course mere defecation and deodorization by charcoal will not purify it sufficiently for such processes. On the contrary, doubtless valuable salts for manuring purposes might still be got from it by addition of requisite ingredients to the mere charcoal in filtering.

A MILK TESTER.—It appears from recent investigations published in the *Lancet* that the much maligned metropolitan milk is not half so much adulterated as many other articles are, and that the chief, if not the only adulterant is water. To enable "the million" to test their own pennyworths, a simple and efficient, as well as cheap little instrument has been registered by Mr. George, of Adelphi Arcade, Strand. This we dipped into "our milkman's" diurnal supply, and were much pleased to find our estimation of milkmen in general rise with the bob of the tester to an unexpected degree, all through the buoyant conscience of one worthy member of the fraternity. A mere sight of such a tester, doubtless, in the hands of the public at large, would vivify the moral scruples of the milk merchants of the whole metropolis.

DRAINAGE AND EMBANKEMENT OF LANDS.—The Earl of Carlisle has laid on the table of the House of Lords a Bill of 133 clauses for the drainage and embankment of land in England and Wales.

A NEW LAMP FOR USE AT SEA.—Mr. Thomson, surgeon, R.N., inventor of the naval telegraphic lights, has submitted a plan to the Admiralty, by which candles and oil may be dispensed with, many thousands of pounds annually saved, and yet ten times more light secured to every ship afloat: this is accomplished by a simple method of using the slush from salt meats, now of no use. The candle-tube may be filled with water, yet it can be instantly expelled and the light fully maintained. The grease is so locked up that it cannot well escape, so that the lamp may be rolled about the deck.—*Edinburgh Post.*

MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY.—Some of the working men who attended the lectures have urged the desirableness of having the museum open in the evenings; which would afford them opportunities of visiting it regularly, for the purpose of studying and examining its contents more fully. It is only after the workman's ten hours' toil is done that he can command an hour or two for the acquisition of useful knowledge at home or abroad in the Mechanics' Institution; and so long as institutions which might be of great service to him, and through his class to the community at large, are only open from, it may be, ten in the morning till five in the afternoon, it is evident they can never become available to him.

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Norris	£1,470	0	0
Cobb	1,412	0	0
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Myers	1,288	0	0
Curtis	1,288	0	0
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Coleman	1,234	0	0
Piper	1,194	0	0

For three fourth-rate houses at Sydenham: Mr. E. B Lamb, architect:—

Barwell	£1,116	0	0
Thompson and Son	1,099	0	0
Jullian	965	0	0
Bracher	939	0	0
Johnson and Peak	928	12	0
Hopkins and Roberts	855	0	0
Acocks	852	0	0
Cobb (accepted)	823	0	0

For finishing the carcases of two houses in New Cannon-street, City, for Mr. Chalfers. Messrs. Trees and Chambers, architects. Quantities supplied:—

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